

2006 ELECTION

STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 9



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I am seeking re-election to the state Senate, 9th District, which includes Palolo, Kaimuki, Kapahulu, St. Louis Heights, Maunalani Heights, West Diamond Head, and Gold Coast.

In the senate I want to represent the interests of my district, transform the political culture of self-interest, and restructure the state's economy, educational system, and programs for the elderly to help fulfill long-held visions of Hawaii's citizens.

My legislative career includes twelve years in the senate and eight years in the house. As a legislator, I have aligned myself with grassroots networks of neighborhood leaders, public school parents, student leaders, aging network organizers, citizen activists, political reformers, environmentalists, and community-based coalitions.

The community groups I have been involved with include the Palolo Neighborhood Board, Jarrett School Advisory Council, Palolo Community Council, Kupuna Caucus, Kaimuki/Kapahulu Neighborhood Security Watch Program, New Kapahulu Business Assn, Friends for Diamond Head, Kaimuki Lions Club, Kapahulu Jaycees, Kaimuki Business & Professional Assn, and Kaimuki-Waialae YMCA.

I believe Hawaii lacks a diversified economy, successful state education system, and public trust of elected leaders largely due to the political influence of narrow self-interests. My mission in politics is to bring about political reforms in a way that benefits the community as a whole.

The awards I have received include: Common Cause Hawaii's Good Government Award, Good Government Angel Award from Hawaii Pro-Democracy Initiative, Small Business Hawaii's Lawmaker of the Year Award, Hawaii Technology Trade Assn's Outstanding Civic Leadership Award, and Unsung Hero Award from Hawaii's Thousand Friends.